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California-American Water Company c/o Mr. Lenard G. Weiss Steefel, Levitt & Weiss One Embarcadero Center, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor San Francisco, CA 94111-3719

Dear Mr. Weiss:

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) ORDER WR 95-10 -CARMEL RIVER IN MONTEREY COUNTY

By letter dated April 28, 1998 you provided information on the actions the California-American Water Company (Cal-Am) has taken in pursuit of a moratorium on all further water service connections and imposition of water rationing as a means to assure compliance with the 11,285 acre-feet per annum (afa) water conservation goal in Order WR 95-10. We appreciate the update on your progress in this matter.

The letter references the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) filings that Cal-Am planned to submit to the PUC seeking authorization to impose a moratorium and rationing if it becomes necessary. We recently received those documents.

Your letter discusses the lack of public support for the rationing program and states that Cal-Am fully intends to comply with Order WR 95-10 despite the lack of public support. At the same time, Cal-Am would welcome the SWRCB's positive response to the April 16, 1998 request by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) for relief from the 11,285 afa water conservation requirement in the order. On June 5, 1998 we responded to the MPWMD request for relief (copy enclosed). A copy of that response was provided to Cal-Am. In summary, the requested relief could not be granted under the delegation of authority in Order WR 95-10.

It appears that Cal-Am is taking the necessary steps to comply with Order WR 95-10. Of course, the most important task that must be accomplished in order to comply with the order is development of water supply project(s) for the Monterey Peninsula.